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FDD Abstract of

DATA ON REORGANIZATION AND REGULATIONS OF THE PEOPLE-OWNED CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY (14 pp; German; 1951)

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This report is a photostat of a circular letter dated, 27 March 1951, written by the Main Administration for the Construction Industry in the Ministry of Heavy Industry. The following are the main points covered:

- 1) New structural organization of the Main Administration for the Construction Industry.
- 2) Names and functions of the VVB's (Federations of People-Owned Enterprises) which are under the supervision of the Main Administration for the Construction Industry: VVB Stahlbau (Steel Construction), VVB Baumechanik (Construction Mechanics), and VVB Industrie-Entwurf (Industrial Projects).
- 3) Dissolution as of 31 March 1951 of the four Zonal Construction Unions (North, South, East, and Center), and of the five Land VVB's for Construction (Mecklenburg, Brandenburg, Sachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt, and Thuringen). The enterprises formerly under these Construction Unions or VVB's will be combined into 29 VEB Construction Unions which will be under the direct control of the Main Administration for the Construction Industry.
- 4) New regulations for courier service between the Main Administration for the Construction Industry and the VVB's or Construction Unions.
- 5) Instructions for official visits to the Main Administration for the Construction Industry.
- 6) List of instructions and regulations, issued by the Minister of Heavy Industry between 1 January and 14 March, made available to the new Construction Unions.
- 7) Detailed instructions for plant management conferences for VVB's and Construction Unions, including the number and official positions of the participants, scheduled dates, and agenda.
- 8) Special designation for key construction projects, so as to guarantee their being handled as priority projects.
- 9) Various regulations concerning VVB and VEB construction firms, including: a) surrender of personal identification documents upon entering premises; b) authorization for entering and taking photographs on premises; c) prohibition of travel through West Sector of Berlin for official vehicles of administrative offices; d) necessity for prior clearance of reports concerning the construction industry which are intended for publication in the GDR press.

In addition, there is a supplement to the circular letter directing that business with the Johann P. E. Mehling firm in Bielefeld, which functions as a middleman in sale of machinery and critical materials from West Germany, be completely discontinued. The reasons are given as: 1) this firm demanded disproportionately high prices; 2) it obtained possession of confidential, official documents of the people-owned construction industry.

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